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SUBJECT: PREPCOM FOR SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE:
COST SHARING ISSUE

REFS: A. STATE 28270; B. STATE 28098; C. GENEVA 904; D. GENEVA 865

1. SUMMARY. AT WESTERN GROUP LUNCH, WITH SWEDEN, FINLAND, JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA ALSO ATTENDING, US PROPOSED COST-SHARING FORMULA FOR SEABED REVIEW CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD BE BASED ON UN ASSESSMENTS WITH ALL PARTIES PICKING UP EQUAL SHARE OF SHORT FALL. ON PERSONAL BASIS CANADIAN REP (JAY) SUGGESTED MODIFICATION TO US PROPOSAL UNDER WHICH ONLY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHO ARE PARTIES WOULD PICK UP EQUAL SHARE OF SHORT FALL. SMALLER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING DENMARK, NETHERLANDS, AUSTRALIA, SWEDEN AND FINLAND, WERE COOL TO THIS APPROACH, WHILE JAPAN, UK AND FRG INDICATED THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE ACCEPTABLE. PARTICIPANTS AGREED TO SEEK REACTIONS IN CAPITALS ON AN URGENT BASIS. AT SAME TIME INDIA AND SEVERAL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE TALKING UP NPT REVCON COST-SHARING FORMULA. COST-SHARING ISSUE LIKELY TO COME TO A HEAD FEB 10, THUS INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED IMMEDIATELY. END SUMMARY.

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2. AT WESTERN GROUP LUNCH HOSTED BY CANADIAN REP (JAY) WITH REPS FROM SWEDEN, FINLAND, JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND, AND AUSTRALIA ALSO IN ATTENDANCE, USREP PROPOSED COST-SHARING FORMULA FOR SEABED TREATY REVCON BASED ON UN ASSESSMENT SCALE WITH ALL PARTIES PICKING UP EQUAL SHARE OF SHORT FALL (AS AUTHORIZED REF A). CANADIAN REP WELCOMED US

PROPOSAL CALLING IT FORTHCOMING BUT LACKING IN APPEAL TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. ON A PERSONAL BASIS, HE SUGGESTED THAT THE US PROPOSAL MIGHT BE MODIFIED WITH ONLY DEVELOPED STATES THAT ARE PARTIES TO THE TREATY PICKING UP AN EQUAL SHARE OF THE SHORT FALL. SIGNATORIES, WHO HAVE LESSER RIGHTS AT THE REVCON THAN PARTIES, AND DEVELOPING STATES WOULD PAY ONLY THEIR UN ASSESSMENT. CANADIAN REP ASKED FOR THE PERSONAL REACTIONS OF THE VARIOUS REPS.

3. SWEDISH REP INDICATED THAT HE DOUBTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ATTRACTED TO THIS APPROACH AND SAID THAT ORIGINAL CANADIAN PROPOSAL (TEXT CONTAINED REF D) WAS PREFERABLE IN HIS OPINION.

4. FINNISH, DUTCH, AUSTRALIAN AND DANISH REPS ALSO INDICATED THAT THE US PROPOSAL, AS MODIFIED, WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE ATTRACTIVE TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS.

5. FRB, IGALIAN, AND JAPANESE REPS INDICATED THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD PROBABLY BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THE US PROPOSAL AS MODIFIED. HOWEVER, ITALIAN REP SAID THAT IT MIGHT PLACE AN UNFAIR BURDEN ON THOSE POORER COUNTRIES WHO FALL JUST ABOVE THE CUT-OFF FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

6. FRG REP SUGGESTED THAT AN ALTERNATE APPROACH MIGHT BE TO USE THE ORIGINAL CANADIAN APPROACH WITH A PROVISION THAT NO DEPOSITARY STATE WOULD PAY A LARGER SHARE OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SHORT FALL THAN THE LARGEST NON-DEPOSITARY SHARE. REACTION TO THIS IDEA WAS MIXED SINCE MANY PRESENT SEEMED CONFUSED BY THE FORMULATION.

7. DANADIAN REP SUGGESTED THAT VARIOUS PARTICIPANTS REPORT THE US PROPOSAL, AS AMENDED, TO OBTAIN THE REACTION OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS ON AN IMMEDIATE BASIS.

8. INDIAN DEL AND OTHER DELS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE INDICATED PREFERENCE FOR NPT REVCON COST-SHARING FORMULA OVER CANADIAN PROPOSAL.

9. MOST DELEGATIONS ARE TRYING TO DO NO WORSE THAN THEY DID UNDER NPT FORMULA, AND CANADIANS AND AUSTRALIANS IN PARTICULAR, ARE TRYING TO REDUCE THEIR SHARES.

10. ACTION REQUESTED: SINCE COST-SHARING ISSUE IS LIKELY TO COME TO A HEAD ON FEB 10, REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT COST-SHARING FORMULA FOR SEABED TREATY REVCON

BASED ON UN ASSESSMENTS, WITH DEVELOPED STATES PARTIES
PICKING UP EQUAL SHARES OF THE SHORT FALL. AS A FALL-
BACK, IF IT BECOMES THAT US PROPOSAL AS MODIFIED
WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED, REQUEST AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT
CANADIAN PROPOSAL FOR SHARES BASED ON UN ASSESSMENTS
WITH SHORT FALL PRORATED. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE
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